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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

1. Attached is a batch of material which is related to a staff study on air travel, prepared by the AD/P and addressed to the DCI. I think we are all agreed now that perhaps the Office of Personnel should not have been the Office to whom a request for this study should have been directed. As you know, however, Logistics has consistently resisted any efforts to do policy development work in this area.

2. I am somewhat embarrassed that in Harry Reynolds' transmittal memo to the DCI he cites as a Reference a memo written by "Mr. [redacted]" to the Acting Personnel Director on 15 December 53, requesting this study. Technically, I was in error in signing my name to it. However, it was only a written confirmation of a phone call I made to Charlie [redacted] who was then Acting Personnel Director, and who requested same. At [redacted]'s request I had transmitted to Charlie by phone your request that Personnel develop this study. I wanted to call this to your attention, as I question the propriety of putting this "reference" on the staff study.

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3. For your information, the DD/I instruction which started this whole exercise is also attached hereto. Incidentally, I have talked to [redacted] about this and they're stronger, if anything, in their determination that almost all air travel should be second class, including overseas. To set an example, it seems that Amory's overseas trip was almost entirely tourist class.

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Col. White:

My memorandum above is a sort of supplement to a general memo of comment and recommendation which I have prepared and which is attached below.

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